

February 13, 2008

Honorable Eliot Spitzer
NYS Governor
The Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Spitzer:

We are writing to you on behalf of nearly thirty thousand people whom we are elected to serve in Branford, Connecticut on Long Island Sound, the treasured waterway we are privileged to protect and enjoy together with our New York neighbors. We are the Branford Representative Town Meeting (RTM) and this is our bipartisan appeal to you. We implore you, Governor Spitzer, to please help us defend Long Island Sound from dangerous industrialization. Please say no to the proposed Broadwater LNG re-gasification and storage barge.

As you know, Broadwater's LNG barge is designed for wide-open waters—oceans or gulfs—not fragile, shallow estuaries surrounded on three sides by people; not Long Island Sound. Terrorism, accidents and hurricanes pose obvious threats and serious questions persist about the U. S. Coast Guard's ability to effectively protect LNG facilities.

There are so many reasons to reject this proposal, but the real clincher is that Broadwater is unnecessary. Smarter, better, faster alternatives appear almost every day. For instance, please ask your energy advisors about on board re-gasification LNG tankers that can utilize existing pipelines by retrofitting them with special nozzles. The re-gasified product goes directly from the tanker into the pipeline and on its way to where it is needed. Norway has safely used this system for years. Larger capacity carriers are being built. This is just one of many potential ways to satisfy regional energy deficits while we improve conservation and develop long-term solutions that safeguard our environment and wean us away from foreign fossil fuels.

Connecticut is eager to work more closely with New York to find intelligent solutions for our region's energy challenges. Broadwater doesn't begin to pass the intelligence test. Governor Spitzer, you have an opportunity to be a real hero. We respectfully urge you to rise to the occasion and join us in this critical battle. Please do the right thing. Say no to Broadwater.

Sincerely,

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